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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TOWN CLERK,

H. JENNESS PAUL.

SELECTMEN,

JERRY MALCHY,

NATHAN G. HOWARD,

AUSTIN J. NEALE,

TREASURER,

GEORGE O. PAUL.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

GEORGE W. PAUL.

AUDITOR,

S. E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1884,

MODERATOR,

AMOS PAUL.

SUPERVISORS,

DANIEL W. LYNCH,

CHARLES S. CLARK,

JEREMIAH TOWLE.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT,

JOHN E. SIMPSON.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET, APRIL 1, 1885.

252 polls,	\$25,200
Real estate,	259,369
104 horses,	6,786
26 oxen,	1,806
123 cows,	3,731
122 sheep,	351
30 other neat stock,	530
4 hogs,	38
21 carriages,	1,290
Stock in banks,	6,000
Money on hand and at interest,	11,580
Stock in trade,	30,100
Toll bridges and mills,	2,817
Dogs,	61

\$349,659

Rate per cent. of tax, \$1.55 per \$100.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
Newmarket.

Dr.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1885,	\$410 48
Half repairs on Town Hall steps in 1884,	12 59

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$612 87	
Savings bank tax,	645 17	
Literary fund,	101 87	
Bounty on wild animals,	22 20	
		\$1,382 11

Half insurance on Town Hall from School District No. 1,	\$2 25	
Half repairs on Town Hall from School District No. 1,	9 00	
Income from Town Hall,	24 00	

		\$35 25
Received from County of Rockingham,	162 79	
Pool table fines,	20 00	
License on pool tables,	19 00	
Received of A. Spead, damage by dog,	15 00	
Received of J. A. Spead, on tax list of 1884,	52 35	
Amount of tax list committed to Geo. W. Paul, including dog tax,	5,488 79	
Less discount,	\$473 99	

 Less abatements, \$28 71

Less uncollected, 12 20

 \$514 90

 \$4,973 89

 \$7,083 46

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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1885.

Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

March 14,	paid Wm. B. Morrill, printing town ac-	
	counts,	20 00
April 1,	H. W. Norton, damage to horse	
	by dog,	15 00
	J. Hersey, sheep killed by dogs,	51 00
	John C. Giddens, sheep killed	
	by dogs,	35 00
	Gilman Marston, legal advice,	2 00
	N. G. Howard, sheep killed by	
	dogs,	30 00
	Henry P. Neal, sheep killed by	
	dogs,	36 00
	John Kelley, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
	Joseph Lang, " " "	13 00
	Joseph Young " " "	15 00
	John F. C. Rider, ducks killed by	
	dogs,	5 00
	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist.	
	No. 1,	150 00
	C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	18 00
	Jas. H. Batchelder, invoice	
	record,	8 75
June 1,	D. C. Langlands, Dist. No. 1,	150 00
	D. C. Langlands, breaking roads,	11 55
	H. Jenness Paul, memorial ex-	
	pense,	20 00

June 1,	H. Jenness Paul, fire apparatus,	\$150 00
20,	Daniel G. Neal, school Dist. No. 2,	125 00
23,	Chas. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	11 25
July 1,	Wm. H. Conner, school Dist. No. 1,	450 00
	Daniel G. Neal, highway Dist. No. 2,	83 00
22,	County tax,	1193 89
29,	H. Jenness Paul, fire apparatus,	50 00
Aug. 12,	Geo. B. Wiggin, highway Dist. No. 3,	75 00
	Frank P. Neal, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
Oct. 24,	D. C. Wiggin, for C. G. Cloutman,	*45 00
Nov. 7,	Geo. B. Wiggin, on bridge, Dist. No. 3,	26 25
	A. H. Varney, medical attendance on J. H. Ham,	*14 00
Dec. 7,	Solomon Gray, board of J. H. Ham,	*20 00
18,	William H. Connor, school Dist. No. 1,	600 00
	James H. Batchelder, pamphlet laws and order book,	1 75
29,	D. C. Langlands, repairs of crossings, &c.,	45 00
1886.		
Jan. 6,	State tax,	964 00
	C. W. Scott, vaccinating 124 persons,	49 60
	Daniel G. Neal, school Dist No. 2,	100 00

Jan. 6,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	*\$55 00
26,	James H. Batchelder,	1 08
27,	James H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall,	4 50
	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	*5 00
30,	Mary E. Shackford, executrix of W. A. Shackford,	10 00
	D. C. Wiggin, for C. G. Cloutman,	*15 00
Feb. 1,	E. O. Foss, services getting R. R. tax,	30 00
17,	D. G. W. Robinson, watering trough,	3 00
	T. B. Robinson, surveying town line,	2 00
24,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	*5 00
25,	J. E. Simpson, ticket furnished poor persons,	*3 79
	W. F. Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00
	N. G. Howard, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
	Thomas Sheehey, police services,	13 00
	Geo. W. Paul, collecting taxes,	76 61
	F. M. Pillsbury, digging grave,	*5 00
	F. M. Pillsbury, care town hall,	18 00
	N. G. Howard, bounty on wood-chucks,	8 00
27,	A. W. Austin, police services,	11 00
	H. Jenness Paul, services as town clerk,	31 64
	A. C. Buswell, record of birth,	25
	John Torrey, rent of building, fire apparatus,	14 00

Feb. 27,	Austin J. Neale, service as select- man, ¹	\$62 95
	Jerry Malchy, service as select- man,	31 38
	George O. Paul, service as treas- urer,	31 50
	C. W. Scott, record of births and deaths,	1 50
	N. G. Howard, service as select- man,	39 25
	S. E. Williams, auditing town ac- counts,	3 00
	O. A. Fleming, coffin for C. G. Cloutman,	*16 00
	D. C. Wiggin, on acc't C. G. Cloutman,	*5 00
	James A. Spead, collecting taxes 1884,	79
	Field & Leddy, for town hall,	3 38
March 1,	A. A. Moore, repairs on town hall,	18 00
	Emma Smith, sheep killed by dogs,	17 50
	Wm. H. Conner, school Dist. No. 1,	295 37
	Chas. H. Sanborn, note and in- terest,	315 25
	Chas. H. Sanborn, note and in- terest,	415 90
	Chas. H. Sanborn, note and in- terest,	258 81
	James H. Fitts, superintending school committee,	25 00
	Nancy Howard, note and interest,	436 95
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		\$6,892 44

Balance in hands of Treasurer, including		
dog tax,	\$107 50	
		\$191 02
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		\$7,083 46.

*Paid by County.

GEORGE O. PAUL, Treasurer.

ABATEMENTS ON LIST, 1884.

Robert Warburton,	\$1 35	
Daniel Courtney,	1 35	
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		\$2 70

ON LIST, 1885.

John Foss (heirs), paid in name of		
Ann W. Foss,	8 77	
E. W. Gunnison,	1 55	
By error,	1 55	
P. Kelley, paid in Worcester, Mass.,	1 55	
Frank McGlency, not of age,	1 55	
Andrew McGlency, paid in Exeter,	1 55	
Henry O. Neal,	5 28	
Johanna Neal,	2 26	
Alphonzo Pinkham,	1 55	
Henry D. Ricker,	1 55	
James Sheehey,	1 55	
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		\$28 71

MONEY RECEIVED AND EXPENDED ON ACCOUNT OF DOGS.

To amount of dog tax in hands of Treasurer		
Feb. 28, 1885,	\$275 00	
Received on tax list, 1885,	57 00	
Received of A. Spead, for damage by dog,	15 00	
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		\$347 00

Paid sundry bills,	\$239 50	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	107 50	
	<hr/>	\$347 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due town from County,	\$36 00	
Balance tax uncollected,	12 20	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	191 02	
	<hr/>	\$239 22
Due from town on orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$56 85	
Estimated bills on which no orders have been drawn,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 85
Balance in favor of town,		<hr/> \$147 37

JERRY MALCHY,	} Selectmen of So. Newmarket.
NATHAN G. HOWARD,	
AUSTIN J. NEALE,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

So. Newmarket, March 1, 1886.

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET,

To JERRY MALCHY, DR.

1885.

March 16,	stationery and stamps,	\$0 68
	tax collector's book,	85
Apr. 15,	receiving inventories,	2 00
27,	to Newmarket to see counsel,	50
July 15,	helping poor person,	50
18,	bounty on woodchucks,	10
	health officer's duties,	2 00
Oct. 21,	perambulating Exeter line,	2 00
Nov. 5,	perambulating Epping line,	2 00
Feb. 22,	horse hire,	3 25
	services in C. G. Cloutman case,	2 50
	all other services as selectman,	15 00

 \$31 38

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET.

To NATHAN G. HOWARD, DR.

1885.

March 20,	to filling out inventories,	\$2 00
April 1,	to enumerating school children,	3 00
15,	to receiving inventories,	2 00
June 6,	to time and expense to New-	
	market for legal advice,	1 50
Oct. 20,	to repairing burying ground wall,	1 00
21,	to perambulating townline, Ex-	
	eter,	2 00
29,	to see H. O. Neal,	1 00
Nov. 5,	to perambulating town line, Ep-	
	ping,	2 00
12,	to time and expense to New-	
	market for legal advice,	1 50
25,	to time to Exeter, to search rec-	
	ords,	1 50

Nov. 30, to moving fence on new street,	\$2 75	
Dec. 7 & 8, to perambulating town line,		
Newmarket,	4 00	
All other services as selectman,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$39 25

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET,

To AUSTIN J. NEALE, DR.

1885.

Mar. 1, to time to Exeter, get reports printed,	\$1 25
14, to time and expense to Exeter to see counsel,	1 50
Apr. 1, to enrolling militia,	3 00
15, to receiving inventories, etc.,	2 00
May 11, to bounty on woodchucks,	1 20
27, to fixing hubs on new street for fence,	1 00
June 20, to repairing Piscassic cemetery gates,	75
July 20, to labor and hardware for place for fire apparatus,	1 50
Aug. 20, to time to see H. O. Neal,	1 00
Sept. 30, to Concord about R. R. stock,	5 00
Oct. 21, to perambulating town line, Exe- ter,	2 00
29, to see H. O. Neal,	1 00
Nov. 5, to perambulating town line, Ep- ping,	2 00
17, to telephones,	25
to Newmarket, settle bill, Shack- ford estate,	1 00
23, to Newmarket, to see counsel,	1 00
30, to moving fence on highway,	1 00
Dec. 7, to perambulating town line, New- market,	2 00

Dec. 8, to perambulating town line, New-	
market and return,	\$2 00
29, to Newmarket, to settle bill,	2 00
1886.	
Jan. 6, to Concord to settle State tax, etc.,	5 00
26, to settle county bills, etc.,	2 00
to helping poor persons,	2 00
to stationery and stamps,	1 50
to services as health officer,	2 00
Feb. 13, to Newmarket,	1 00
22 & 23, to Exeter and services, Clout-	
man case,	2 00
to all other services as selectman,	15 00

\$62 95

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee hereby presents to the citizens of the town his fifth and, of course, last annual report under the present district school system of New Hampshire. The Legislature at its last June session passed an amendment of the school laws to this effect, that "The division of towns into school districts heretofore existing is hereby abolished, and each town shall hereafter constitute a single district for school purposes. The duties heretofore devolved upon the Superintending and Prudential Committees shall hereafter be performed by a school board of three persons in each town, to be chosen by ballot at the annual school meeting and to hold office for three years."

This act takes effect March 1, 1886. Thus the state has committed us for five years at least to the town system of schools. We, however, are so fortunately situated that this change will probably make no difference whatever in the number and situation of our schools; we seem now to have just the number and position which our convenience requires. This town system will receive the support of the best and most experienced educators in the state. Whether it shall benefit or injure us will depend upon our success or our failure in securing a School Board who will intelligently and sedulously look after the best interests of our schools. The district system has been productive of great good, but the town system is no novelty. The division of the towns into districts has been permitted for eighty years and compulsory for forty-two years, while a very good town system had served the people very well for a previous period of 258 years.

The state requires the attendance at public schools of every child between the ages of eight and fourteen years "for twelve weeks at least in every year, six weeks at least of which attendance shall be consecutive." The Selectmen made return April 1, 1885, of 134 school children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years—65 boys and 69 girls. This enumeration must also be reported to the state department of public instruction, and may be made the basis of legislation. The whole number of different scholars entered upon our school registers, four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 154—boys 75, girls 79. The average number of pupils belonging to the schools in town is 123. The average daily attendance has been 113. The percentage of daily attendance has been .917. The number of pupils under six years of age is 12, over sixteen 7, between six and sixteen 136. The largest number of scholars in any school is 48, and the smallest number is 26. Pupils not absent or tardy during the year, 4; during one or more terms, 52. Eight scholars are attending school in other places.

Our school revenue the past year has consisted of \$843.50 raised as required by state law, an additional appropriation by the town of \$625, and \$101.87 income from the Literary Fund. This gives us a total revenue of \$1,570.37. It is \$7.43 more than the school money of the previous year. The largest sum appropriated to any district is \$1,345.37, and the smallest sum is \$225. The average expense for each enrolled scholar has been \$9.54. The length of our longest school the past year has been 34 weeks, and of the shortest 25.2 weeks, with an average of 31.55 weeks.

The studies pursued have been Lippincott's readers, Monroe's speller, Swinton's grammar, Eclectic geographies, White's and Fish-Robinson's arithmetics, Payson, Dunton & Scribner's penmanship, Barnes' and Swinton's histories, Greenleaf's algebra, Meservey's book-keeping, Hutchison's physiology, Wentworth's algebra and geometry, Hart's rheto-

ric, Allen & Greenough's Latin grammar, Jones' Latin reader. The People's Cyclopædia has been placed in the grammar school at the cost of \$18.00. It has abundantly paid for itself already in the interest created and help afforded the pupils. The complete school chart by Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., has been put into the Piscassic and the intermediate schools at the cost of \$8.00 each. A little book entitled "Lessons on Manners," for school and home use, has been presented to the several teachers. Knowing what good manners and morals are, perhaps we may become at length better schooled in the practice of them. The number of scholars in town studying reading is 156, spelling, 152; penmanship, 156; arithmetic, 150; geography, 91; grammar, 83; history, 48; composition, 64; physiology, 17; book-keeping, 12; algebra, 11; geometry, 7; ancient history, 9; Latin, 10; rhetoric, 16. General exercises in singing are had in the grammar, intermediate and primary schools. Familiar lectures on our local history were given by the superintendent in the grammar school room on June 24 and July 1, which were well attended.

The best committees and teachers we can furnish will not make our schools what they should be without the hearty co-operation of the parents. For the past four years the average yearly visits to our schools have numbered, by the Superintendent, 29; by the Prudential Committee, 7; by parents and friends, 300. This is certainly commendable. These visits form a safe criterion by which to judge of the interest throughout the town, and they obviously tend to promote the welfare of our several schools. Moreover, honest teachers and scholars gladly welcome the presence of visitors, and by their cordial greetings and happy faces make it exceedingly pleasant to sit an hour with them.

The teachers employed the past year have been Mr. Augustus W. Richards and Misses Sarah Hilliard, I. Alice Varney, Abbie M. Cushing and Bertha J. Hobbs. It is due them to say they have managed their respective schools suc-

cessfully, thereby proving themselves apt, competent and faithful instructors. No system or method can take the place of the living teacher. Trained in accurate and accomplished scholarship and himself enthusiastic in the pursuit of truth, he spontaneously enkindles in other minds a passion for the acquisition of knowledge. What the teacher is, the school at length becomes. We may well be proud of our corps of instructors. Emulative of success, they have shown themselves capable, enthusiastic and stimulative to a high degree in the several schools.

Mr. Richards, at Piscassic, continues to give his undiminished interest and best endeavors to the pupils of his charge, and has a remainder of efficiency to expend upon our benighted neighbors of other towns and districts. Not South Newmarket alone would suffer by his withdrawal from the teacher's calling. At the beginning of the year the grammar school fell to the care of Miss Hilliard. Intellectually she was thoroughly equipped for her work. Under her methodical instruction and excellent discipline the school made commendable progress. She gave ample satisfaction to committees, scholars and patrons. But with the close of the term she tendered her resignation, and no persuasion could induce her to continue the school. Probably her somewhat impaired health was hardly equal to the task imposed on her. Perhaps we are not fully aware how severe is the strain on body and mind which is required to carry on the present manifold pursuits of this unique high-grammar school. At the opening of the second term Miss Varney was transferred from the primary to the grammar school. Her experience in the lower department served her well in the higher. The multiplied studies of this school afford ample opportunity for the exhibition of the highest scholarship and proficiency of the teacher's vocation. It has been very pleasant to witness the glow and enthusiasm of these active minds in presence of the surprising discoveries of education, and at the same time their respectful and loving subordination to legitimate

authority. Miss Cushing has conducted her pupils in the intermediate school through the year with all her accustomed faithfulness and success. This is probably the highest commendation we can pay her. She certainly merits this compliment. It is always pleasant to look in upon this school and trace something of the process by which the latent powers of youth awaken and develop towards future scholarship and manhood or womanhood. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Hobbs for the primary school. She brought with her a teacher's reputation and at once achieved success. We gladly welcome her on our staff of teachers. It is a sad mistake to suppose that anyone can teach the small scholars. These pupils will suffer with anything less than the best skill and experience we can furnish. They require above all others a teacher of sterling equipment to start them right on the road to knowledge. No person except the mother needs to be so capable, so efficient and so consummate in methods. We must tolerate no novices here. To employ them anywhere were a hazardous venture.

No prevailing sickness has interrupted our schools the past year. But we are deeply pained by the sad death of the five Hogan sisters. They were bright scholars and exceedingly interesting children. They died suddenly of diphtheria in the neighboring village of Newmarket.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM H. CONNER.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district, \$1,345.-37. Length of schools, grammar grade, 33 weeks; intermediate grade, 34 weeks; primary grade, 34 weeks. Whole number of different scholars registered, 129—boys 61, girls 68. Average number of pupils belonging to the district, 101. Pupils under six years of age, 10; over sixteen, 4; between six and sixteen, 115. Average daily attendance, 93. Percentage of daily attendance, .917. Inside blinds have rendered the grammar school room more pleasant and comfort-

able for the summer months. The grammar scholars have provided themselves with a piano forte for the winter months.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers, SARAH HILLIARD, I. ALICE VARNEY.

Wages per month, including board, \$52.00. Whole number of different pupils for the year 46, average 38—first term 44, average 39; second term 38, average 37; third term 41, average 39. Average daily attendance for the year 36—first term 35, second term 36, third term 37. Percentage of daily attendance for the year .940—first term .897, second term .972, third term .949. Visits by superintendent 11, by prudential committee 2, by parents and friends, not including closing examinations, 67—first term 20, second term 33, third term 14. Pupils present every half day without being tardy: first term, Alice M. Doe, Bertie W. Miller, Nellie W. Pease; second term, Cora B. Hayden, Kate F. O'Brien, George L. Chase (tardy twice), Frank Hayden, G. Fred Littlefield, Bertie W. Miller (tardy once); third term, Alice M. Doe, Lynda F. Erwin (tardy once), Cora B. Hayden, Hannah C. Kelly, Florence S. Leavitt, Kate F. O'Brien, Mamie O'Brien, Nellie W. Pease, George L. Chase, Harry P. Chase, John W. Coe, J. Lewis Coe, Frank Farmer, Willie C. Hanson, Frank Hayden, G. Fred Littlefield, Wilbur Littlefield, Bertie W. Miller, Levi L. Pollard, Robert Murphy. Bertie W. Miller was present every day of the school year.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher, ABBIE M. CUSHING.

Wages per month, including board, \$35.00. Whole number of different pupils for the year, 35; average, 29; first term, 35; average, 32; second term, 29; average, 28; third term, 28; average, 27. Average daily attendance for the year, 26; first term, 29; second term, 25; third term, 25.

Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .908 ; first term, .906 ; second term, .893 ; third term, .926. Visits by Superintendent, 9 ; by prudential committee, 2 ; by parents and friends, not including closing examinations, 39 ; first term, 10 ; second term, 19 ; third term, 10. Pupils present every half day without being tardy : first term, Tommy J. Connor, Maggie A. Kelly, Mary E. Kelly, Charlie H. Pillsbury, Lucy A. Sinclair ; second term, Nellie J. Foley, Wilbur G. Hayden, Mary E. Kelly, Charlie H. Pillsbury, Altha R. Todd ; third term, Bertie R. Clough, Nellie J. Foley, Wilbur G. Hayden, Maggie A. Kelly, Charlie H. Pillsbury, Mary A. Sheehan, Norah Sheehan, Lucy A. Sinclair, Maud A. Towle. Charlie H. Pillsbury has not been absent or tardy for two years.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teachers, I. ALICE VARNEY, BERTHA J. HOBBS.

Wages per month, including board, \$35.00. Whole number of different pupils for the year, 48 ; average, 34 ; first term, 41 : average, 34 ; second term, 42 ; average, 40 ; third term, 31 ; average, 29. Average daily attendance for the year, 31 ; first term, 31 ; second term, 36 ; third term, 26. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .904 ; first term, .912 ; second term, .900 ; third term, .899. Visits by the Superintendent, 10 ; by prudential committee, 2 ; by parents and friends, not including closing examinations, 62 ; first term, 31 ; second term, including examination, 37 ; third term, 9. Pupils present every half day without being tardy : first term, Isabelle Frasier, Harry R. Wiggin ; second term, Evelyn G. Hayden, Ethel T. Neale, Winnie O'Brien, Charles Cassily, Tommy Kelly, Arthur Munsey ; third term, Evelyn G. Hayden, Edith M. Currie, Annie T. Sloane, James Cassily, Tommy Kelly, George G. Tilton.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, DANIEL G. NEAL.

One school. Money appropriated to the district, \$225.00.

Length of school, 25.2 weeks—one term of 11 weeks and a second term of 15.2 weeks. Whole number of different scholars registered, 26—boys 15, girls 11. Average number of pupils belonging to the school, 22. Pupils under six years of age, 2; over sixteen, 3; between six and sixteen, 20. Average daily attendance for the year, 20. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .915.

Teacher, AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Whole number of different pupils—first term 23, average 23; second term 24, average 22. Average daily attendance, first term 21; second term 20. Percentage of daily attendance—first term .92; second term .91. Visits by superintendent, 6; by parents and friends, including the closing examinations, 65; first term, 30; second term, 35. Pupils present every half day without being tardy: first term, Leon R. Henry, Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards, Lizzie H. Richards, Sadie Richards; second term, Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards.

Mr. Richards writes, "The number of visitors given in the summary includes those who were present the last day. There were 20 present at the close of the summer term and 24 at the close of the other. The number visiting at other times was 21. The attendance of the older pupils in this district is very commendable. Charles H. Reynolds and Edward H. Richards, have not been absent or tardy for four years."

Thus we have a statement in detail of the condition of our several schools. To say they are all we could wish would certainly be unwise; to brand them as failures were untrue. There is still a sufficient amount of inefficiency on the part of teachers, imperfection in the scholars and indifference by the parents. But our schools have kept on with at least their usual degree of success and are manifestly gaining a reputation for good conduct, studiousness and steady ad-

vancement. Without complaining of the past or grumbling at the present, let us ever aspire anew for improvement in the future. Once more the superintending and prudential committees unite with faithful teachers, studious pupils and co-operating parents and friends, in commending the great interests of our common schools to the fostering care of the legal voters of South Newmarket.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, March 1, 1886.

TOWN WARRANT.

{ L. S. } *THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.*

*To the inhabitants of the town of South Newmarket
qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To choose one Town Clerk, three Selectmen, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, Highway Surveyors, Auditors, Constables, and other necessary town officers, agents and committees for the year ensuing.

3. To see if the town will choose a committee to provide a suitable location, and to erect thereon a building for the safe keeping of the fire apparatus belonging to said town, and to raise a sum of money sufficient to defray the expense of land and building for said purpose.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars for Memorial purposes.

5. To see if the town will vote to light with lamps the corners of streets, and other necessary places in the village, and raise money to erect and support said lights.

6. Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the Constitution?

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges, for paying the town debt, and other necessary charges arising within the town, to fix the price of labor on the highway, and the per cent. for the collection of taxes, and to take such action as seems necessary on Chapter Forty-three of the session Laws of 1885, relating to the town system of schools.

8. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To see if the town will vote to accept the trust created by the will of the late William L. Walker and to take such action in relation thereto as may be deemed legal and proper.

Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1886.

JERRY MALCHY,	} Selectmen
NATHAN G. HOWARD,	
AUSTIN J. NEALE,	
	} of
	} South Newmarket.

COPY OF BEQUEST OF THE LATE WILLIAM L. WALKER.

I give, devise and bequeath as follows: To the Selectmen of the town of South Newmarket, in trust, the sum of one thousand dollars. This sum I direct shall be held by the Selectmen of said town, for the time being, as a perpetual trust, to be by them invested in the note of said town, if practicable, but in any event in safe security; permanence and safety being the object, and not high rate of income; and from such income, from time to time annually to expend such sum as may be regarded as a judicious amount in the care, protection, repair, renewal and adornment of my lot in Locust Grove Cemetery at said South Newmarket, said lot being next to lot of Amos Paul in south-easterly corner of said cemetery; and of such sum any amount not needed for such outlay, I direct to be in like manner judiciously and economically expended in the general care, repair, and permanent improvement of said cemetery forever.

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